Tamil Test for Government Officers.

35. MR. T. LAKSHMANA PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to consider the desirability of instituting a Tamil test for officers who may be required to serve in taluks where Tamil is largely spoken?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR: In connection with the question of affording further facilities for Tamil education, a G. O. is under issue, in which, among other things, the institution of a special test in Tamil to recruit a sufficient number of Tamil teachers, for the Tamil schools in the State, is being sanctioned. The question of instituting a general Tamil test for officers serving in taluks where Tamil preponderates will be examined.

Outlay on Communications in Certain Taluks.

36. MR. S. KRISHNA AIYAR: Will the Government be pleased to furnish a statement containing the following particulars:—

(i) annual revenue;

(ii) annual expenditure on roads and other means of communication, if any, capital and recurring expenditure being separately shown; and

(iii) population, under the last two census returns—

of the taluks of Kartikapalli, Mavelikara, Neyyattinkara and Peermade for a period of twelve years?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI: (i) It is not feasible to furnish taluk-war figures of revenue (*vide* answer given to Question No. 28 asked at the meeting of the Council held on the 31st July, 1922).

(ii) The following statement gives the necessary information approximately so far as it relates to 1096:

Taluk.	Maintenance.	Works.
	Rs.	Rs.
Kartikapalli ...	8,013	13,123
Mavelikara ...	16,457	25,325
Neyyattinkara ...	34,810	8,202
Peermade ...	22,672	16,690

It is not feasible to furnish the statistics for twelve years.

(iii) The following statement shows the population of the taluks referred to:

Taluk.	Population.	
	1911.	1921.
Kartikapalli ...	111,570	117,920
Mavelikara ...	130,728	144,789
Neyyattinkara ...	178,703	217,529
Peermade ...	16,631	24,026

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